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1. Georgenthal (J05): this is the only village in the area southwest of Gotha which boasts troops. There were 80 to 100 men in the village whose uniforms had black tabs with red edging.

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2. Ifte (H77), Scherbda (H78), Mihla (H87): Quartermaster troops were requisitioning houses in these villages on 26 March. Scherbda is to receive approximately 80 men. Mihla is to get a staff, and its Schloss is occupied by 30 German border police. Troops, believed to be riflemen, were to arrive during the first week in April.

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3. Eisenach (H76): Training ground occupied on 27 March by rifle units whose personnel wore dark pink tabs with black piping.

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4. Unterellen (H76): Several farm houses are occupied who arrived during the night of 30 March.

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Comment: all border villages have had an increase in troop strength. German border police, source says, are in general young (16-25 SED members, and armed with carbines.)

5. Bad Salzungen (H74): Although no villages in this area were occupied on 31 March, approximately two companies (wearing dark pink tabs with black piping) were seen 1 1/2 kilometers north of the town. Also in the area, a truck with license B 6-78 was seen hauling a long barreled 100 mm gun with muzzle brake.

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6. Pfedersdorf (H54): Occupied in late March. (No details given)

7. Oechsen (Unlocated): Approximately 60 EM and 25 German border police.

8. Grossen Lupsitz (H86): Several houses requisitioned on 29 March.

9. Berka (H87): Houses are being prepared for troop arrivals.

10. Kaltemordheim (H72): This area is "strongly occupied".

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11. Jena (J66): A large number of troops recently arrived in Jena. The 18b-stedt Kaserne has armored troops equipped with 30 to 40 SS tanks and 10 to 80 T-54's. Mortar units, with a motorcycle detachment, occupy the Forest Kaserne and there are riflemen in the Alt Kaserne. Asiatic troops are billeted in outlying villages.

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